

CURRENCY BILL ALL READY TO GO THROUGH HOUSE

Congress by Unanimous Con-
sent Votes to Allow But Two
Hours for Final Debate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A unanimous consent agreement was reached in the house Monday afternoon to debate the currency bill for one hour on each side after the conference report is brought in.

Majority Leader Underwood stated that no was assured by Chairman Glass that the report would be presented at 3:30 o'clock. Minority Leader Mann agreed with Underwood and Progressive Leader Murdock, to hold a night session, if necessary, to dispose of the report at once. Underwood stated he believed it was the wish of all members that adjournment for the holidays be taken as quickly as possible.

Rep. Wingo of South Carolina threatened to object to unanimous consent to omit the usual 24-hour delay, but was prevailed upon not to do so.

Announcement of the unanimous consent was greeted with applause from all sides of the house.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—At 1:30 o'clock Monday morning the joint conference committee on the administration currency bill agreed to strike from the measure the senate provision for an insurance fund to guarantee deposits in national banks. At that time but a single point of disagreement was still in dispute. That was the composition of the federal reserve board. The committee agreed to strike out the senate amendment which would allow the use of the new federal reserve notes as bank reserves.

The conferees agreed on an entirely new provision to take care of the outstanding government two per cent bonds on which the present currency is based. They will be retired running two years after the new system is installed at the rate of \$25,000,000 a year. This amount will be taken over from the present national banks by the new regional banks in proportion to their capital and surplus. On one-half of their bonds the regional banks will be allowed to issue currency similar to the present bank notes. The remainder will be retired by the substitution of 20 year three per cent bonds or treasury gold notes with an agreement that the regional banks will renew the notes each year for thirty years.

The bank reserve section as framed by the senate was accepted with but slight changes. They require the reserve of 18 per cent in central reserve city banks, 15 per cent in reserve city banks and 12 per cent in country banks.

The makeup of the federal reserve board was the last matter in dispute. The house members reluctantly agreed that the secretary of agriculture be relieved but insisted that the controller of the currency remain.

For nearly two hours the conference discussed the question of placing the controller on the board without result. The senate conferees were enlivened on the question, the administration senators Hollis, Shreve and Pomeroy siding with the house members.

KILLS WIFE'S DIVORCED HUSBAND IN HIS HOME

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—J. M. Glover, the wealthy resident of this city, who last night shot and killed Daniel DeVilliers, a Boer war hero and divorced husband of Mrs. Glover, declared Monday that no jury would ever convict him of murder. The killing took place in the Glover home and there were rumors Monday that Glover would plead the unwritten law.

Mrs. Glover was a New York girl before her marriage, her father being a Wall St. broker.

CAN'T PROSECUTE BURKE FOR GRAFT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—John Burke, now under investigation by the war department on the charge of accepting graft while in the Panama railroad, cannot be normally prosecuted according to a decision of the department of justice received by Secy. Garrison Monday.

Burke is an employee of the Panama railway and not of the government. Therefore he cannot in a legal sense be criminally prosecuted for taking graft.

"The only recourse the government will have against Burke," said Secy. Garrison Monday, "is to sue him through the Panama railroad to recover the money he is said to have obtained illegally."

SCORES TURNED AWAY AT FIRST M. E. CHURCH

Scores were turned away who sought admission to hear Dudley Buckle's "The Coming of the King," given by a chorus of 40 voices at the First Methodist church Sunday evening. In the morning the pastor, Rev. Henry L. Davis, preached on "The Gift of Divine Life to the World." Every seat in the auditorium, including the gallery, was filled. Bow, services were pronounced the most inspiring ever held in the church.

CATHERINE CALVERT MAR- RIES FAMOUS PLAYWRIGHT



MRS. PAUL ARMSTRONG.
The marriage of Paul Armstrong, author of many successful plays, to Catherine Calvert, leading woman in Armstrong's productions, was performed at New Haven, Conn. Miss Calvert was mentioned in the divorce suit the first Mrs. Armstrong brought.

COUNCIL TO HOLD ITS FINAL SESSION

City Fathers to Close Up Most
of Business of Present Ad-
ministration Tonight.

Final passage of three ordinances, one requiring street cars to come to a standstill before crossing the city's boulevards, another designating the kinds of vehicles that shall not use the boulevards for travel, and a third placing damages collected on account of the opening of Union st., in 1910, in the general fund for use until July, 1917, when such damages shall be paid to the Sanders-Egbert Co. and J. D. Oliver, trustees, will be among the leading features of the closing session of the present council which takes place Monday night.

Members of the council have agreed to leave the boards virtually clear, only a few matters being left to go over to their successors. Among these is the ordinance introduced two weeks ago at the instance of local merchants, requiring movers to report to the clerk each Monday, the names of the people whom they have moved during the previous week, and the old and new addresses, another having to do with increasing the salaries of the city firemen, and thirdly, a recommendation from the Melting Pot division of the Commercial Athletic club, urging a change in the names of certain city streets.

Two new ordinances will come before the council Monday evening, one transferring \$3,000 from the general fund to the park fund, and the other providing for the work about the city intersections, and the other appropriating \$750 from the general fund to the engineering fund of the board of public works. The council will also receive City Controller Joyce's report for November.

Saturday and Monday, city officials and employees received their pay for December, as authorized by the council two weeks ago, on account of the Christmas season, instead of being paid half on the 15th and half on the first of the month as usual. The general trend of the work about the city hall is the preparation of annual reports, and the closing of the books for the year, in anticipation of turning affairs over to the new administration Jan. 5.

There will probably be a brief session of the old council that night to receive the reports, after which the new administration will take hold. This Monday night, however, will mark the closing of the present council for all practical purposes.

MEN ARRESTED HERE TO GET 90 DAYS IN JAIL

William Sanders, 23, and Arthur Stephenson, 32, two men with police records all through southern Michigan, were apprehended by the police here and returned to St. Joseph, Mich., Sunday evening, where they were quickly sentenced to 90 days in jail for shop lifting Monday noon.

Both had just finished serving 90 day sentences in the county jail at Benton Harbor last Thursday and Friday it is alleged they stole a manure set from a drug store and a bottle of whisky from a saloon, as well as several other articles from other places. Detective Lane picked them up.

BIGGEST BANK IN MEXICO FAILS TO OPEN ITS DOORS

Bank of London and Mexico
City Suspends and Huerta
Situation is Gloomy—Rebels
Winning at Tampico.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—The Bank of London and Mexico City, one of the biggest financial institutions in Mexico, failed to open its doors Monday.

Officers of the bank denied that it was insolvent and declared that the suspension of business was only temporary. It was admitted that there was a shortage of cash but representatives of the bank said they had plenty of credits.

The financial situation is the gloomiest in the history of modern Mexico.

WIN FIRST ADVANTAGE.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—Rebel troops have won the first fight in the second battle of Tampico and have gained points of strategic advantage, according to private reports received here Monday. The latest private message received says that the rebels are trying to force their way into the center of the city.

Foreigners residing in Tampico are fleeing to ships in the harbor in anticipation of a direct assault by rebels. It is expected that all Americans will leave at once, as there may be difficulty in maintaining "a neutral zone" such as Rear Admiral Fletcher laid out during the recent conflict. The American warships have prepared to help the flight of the foreigners.

The war office has utilized the time since the last attack to strengthen the garrison at Tampico, and professes confidence in its ability to resist the rebels.

Rebels under Gen. Panfilo Natera are slowly advancing to Zacoatepec capital of the state of Zacatecas and San-tillo and San Luis Potosi, along the main line of the National railway, rebels having again appeared in large numbers. This region has been comparatively free of rebels for nine days.

Some minor engagements have occurred between Tampico and Antina, twenty-three miles to the north and the federal, according to the war office, were victorious in both. It is also announced by the war office that Gen. Ynez Salazar has defeated the rebels between Conchos and Bermejillo in the state of Coahuila, to the north of Torreón.

Money Question Bothers.
The government and bankers have not been able to agree on the solution of the currency question. The committee of bankers who have been attempting to devise a plan met again Sunday with the sub-secretary of finance, but their suggestions were not accepted, chiefly because the bankers would not listen to the proposal that the guarantee funds should be deposited in the national treasury. They insisted that it should be deposited in the National bank.

Government officials express pleasure at the success of the negotiations of a foreign loan in Europe, but the conservative and unofficial element at Guaymas were executed at surprise Sunday in that city, according to word brought here Sunday night. Officers and men of the 10th were disarmed several days ago by Gen. Wieda, federal commander, when he discovered they were plotting to desert to the insurgents.

OFFICERS EXECUTED.
HERMOSILLO, Sonora, Mex., Dec. 22.—The commissioned officers and many sergeants and corporals of the 10th battalion of the federal garrison at Guaymas were executed at surprise Sunday in that city, according to word brought here Sunday night. Officers and men of the 10th were disarmed several days ago by Gen. Wieda, federal commander, when he discovered they were plotting to desert to the insurgents.

TERRAZAS STILL HELD.
JALISCO, Mex., Dec. 22.—Although negotiations have been in progress for the payment of \$250,000 for his release, Luis Terrazas, jr., Sunday was held prisoner by Gen. Villa at Chihuahua. The father, whose estate, according to the Creel was confiscated through a decree issued by Villa attempted to procure the prisoner's release and safe conduct to the border, first through an appeal to work for the council, and by the payment of money to the rebels.

When Terrazas, sr., accompanied the federal forces in their flight to the border, the members of his family were still in Chihuahua helping in the efforts to release Terrazas.

ACTORS DAMAGE SUIT ON TRAIL

Player Asks \$775 Damages From Proprietor of Local Theater for Breach of Contract.

The suit of Wacław Wojciecki against Helen Drabicki, formerly proprietor of the White Eagle theater on W. Division st., in which the former claims \$775 damages for alleged breach of contract, was on trial before Judge Seibert in the superior court Monday.

Wojciecki alleged that he and three others constituted a theatrical troupe engaged to present plays at the theater during the spring of 1912. He complains they were discharged before the termination of the contract.

Mrs. Drabicki maintained that the discharge was justified, alleging that the players were incompetent, that they were continually drunk and that their performances were vulgar and indecent, driving away patronage. She says that the theater was being run at a great loss when the company was discharged.

A demurrer to this answer has been filed by the plaintiff attorneys, and this was being argued Monday morning.

"SANTY'S COMING, GRAN'MA!"



•PAUL PORTER•

PINK STOCKINGS BRING IN MONEY

Dispensary Fund Aided by Little Stockings—Campaign for Babies Will Close Christmas Day.

FOR THE BABIES.
Previously acknowledged.....\$1,679.29
First Christian S. S. class.....25.00
Mrs. E. W. Taylor S. S. class.....5.00
Linden School Children.....3.05
Total.....\$1,712.34

The pink stockings are doing their mission well. Each mail brings in new returns and it is expected that by Christmas day when the fund will be closed that the great majority of stockings will have been returned with their Christmas gifts to the babies. In addition to the fund, which they are bringing in the Sunday schools of the First Christian church Sunday voted \$25 to the dispensary and the Philathea class of the same Sunday school taught by Mrs. E. W. Taylor, pledged an additional \$5.

Among other contributions, also, was \$3.05 sent by the children of the Linden school.

The stocking sent to the offices of the Oliver Chilled Plow Co. was returned containing \$6, the gift of the office employees. Miss Laura Wirth took possession of the stocking and made a personal canvass of the office.

The young women in the offices of the Campbell Folding Paper Box Co. sent in \$3.20. Most of the contributions from the stocking campaign, with the exception of those from the different offices have come in anonymously. Little Miss Rowena Vore sent in 50 cents and Martha and Mary Sims, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sims, returned the stocking with a dollar bill.

In the contest, Louis Kovatch reported Monday morning six new contributors with 61 cents. There are but two more days left before the three beautiful dolls and the wonderful structure outfits will be awarded. But the two days are free of school duties and the children who are working so hard to win the prizes and at the same time to help the babies, will have plenty of opportunity to raise their standing.

The News-Times campaign for the babies will close on Christmas day, and all those wishing to help to make the dispensary a permanent institution and to make possible the enlargement and improvement of the dispensary quarters and thereby render it possible to care for a greater number of suffering little ones should send in their gifts by that time.

SOUTH BEND TEACHERS GO TO BIG CONVENTION

Supr. L. J. Montgomery and a delegation of South Bend school teachers left Monday for Indianapolis to attend the convention of the state Teachers' association. The convention lasts three days, the general sessions being held in Tomlinson hall and sectional meetings in various hotels and school buildings.

Dr. George D. Strayer of the Columbia university and Dr. George T. James of the University of Minnesota will be the principal speakers.

STRANGE WOMAN IS FOUND IN ROOM WITH DEAD MAN

Prominent Lawyer Dies and Adjoining Chamber Holds Sensation for Friends and Community.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Revelations of fact that are more strange than figment of fiction have followed the sudden death of Melville H. Couch, for 15 years district attorney of Sullivan county and former partner of Alton B. Parker.

In the custody of the police is a strange, frightened woman who lived for 15 years in the seclusion of a bare little room that opened from Mr. Couch's office. The door that led from the office to the living quarters of this strange bond servant was always locked and no one save Couch and his queer companion passed through it. During a few feet from the busy office with its daily stream of clients the woman huddled in silence throughout the day. Occasionally at night she stole forth and roamed through the streets.

Although Mrs. Couch was a frequent visitor at the office of her husband she never suspected what the secret room contained.

During the excitement attending the finding of Couch's body upon a lounge in the room, some one climbed upon a chair and peered through the transom into the second room. There sat a woman huddled up on the floor beside a plain iron bed. Her clothing was poor and ill-fitting, her face had the look of a drug-user, or one who lives in solitude and her disheveled hair was streaked with gray.

Sheriff Kinney opened the door and the woman walked out.

Josephine "Brance," she stammered and then broke into hysterical weeping.

Woman is Held.
Although the authorities are certain that Couch died a natural death they detained the woman to learn the secret companionship with the lawyer.

Mrs. Couch, who was present when the secret door was opened, fainted at the sight of the woman.

Mrs. Brance said she came from Goshen, N. Y., and met Couch 15 years ago.

IOWA CONGRESSMAN DIES

CLINTON, Ia., Dec. 22.—Cong. I. S. Pepper of Iowa, died early Monday, following an operation for peritonitis. He was recovering from an attack of typhoid fever when he died in the hospital.

He represented the second district of Iowa in congress and was considered a likely candidate for U. S. senator.

LOOKING FOR SANTA

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 22.—Five-year-old Arthur Fisher's mama told him Santa Claus would not come up their house this year. Arthur was found a few miles from his home with a stolen horse.

"I was trying to find Santa to get a present for mama," he explained to the sheriff. He was released. Wm. Hodson, 49, tripped, fell to the ground and was killed.

CHRISTMAS RUSH HITS POSTOFFICE

Building is Congested Since Saturday, But Crabill Expects to Deliver 'All Gifts in Time.

The Christmas rush at the South Bend postoffice is on. Tables, improvised racks and the aisles of the workroom are piled high with gift packages which Uncle Sam's messengers are expected to deliver before Christmas.

Although the mail is coming in unprecedented volume owing to the parcel post service, Postmaster Crabill Monday expressed the opinion that the local force would keep heads above the rush and unless unforeseen difficulties arise practically every gift package will be delivered by Christmas night.

Although a publicity campaign had been conducted by both local and national postal departments and had some effect in inducing senders to mail Christmas packages early, the public did not respond generally enough to relieve the unusual holiday rush.

Up until Saturday afternoon the mail volume was not so much larger than usual. At that time, however, a great volume of mail, both incoming and outgoing, flooded the office, necessitating the calling in of the reserve carriers and the construction of several temporary mail racks. A large number of regular merchandise parcels are also in the mails besides the extra Christmas business.

And Everybody Works.
Eleven extra carriers are at work to distribute the packages. Regular employees are putting in extra time. Postmaster Crabill and Assistant Postmaster are giving personal assistance in clerical and other work in the office, allowing correspondence and outside matters to wait. Superintendent of Mails Schuyler Tipton drafted his own automobile into service to help deliver the packages.

The following schedule for Christmas postal service was announced Monday by Postmaster Crabill:

The money order and postal savings bank divisions will be closed all day. The registry, general delivery and stamp divisions will be open from 7 a. m. until 10 a. m.

The special delivery, directory, distributing and mailing divisions will be open all day. The minimum number of clerks necessary for good service under the abnormal holiday rush will be detailed to duty under schedules arranged by the superintendent of mails.

The carriers will make one trip, the packages, however, being delivered by the substitute carriers, who will be required to work all day if the amount of work makes it necessary. Business carriers will make one trip. The collections at the boxes will be made in the morning and one collection in the business district will be made in the afternoon by Carrier Hoffman. Rural carriers will serve their routes as on other days, this being a requirement of the postal regulations.

TANGLED ON ROOF

RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 22.—While doing the tango on a second story porch roof, Wm. Hodson, 49, tripped, fell to the ground and was killed.

REPRIMAND FOR OFFICERS GIVEN BY PRES. WILSON

Carabao Club Members Should
Never Have Forgotten Loyalty
They Owed Service and
Government, He Says.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A reprimand for the officers involved in the Carabao dinner incident was approved Monday by Pres. Wilson.

He took this action upon the recommendation of Secy. of War Garrison and Secy. of the Navy Daniels. His letter to the two secretaries was as follows:

"My Dear Sirs:—

"Allow me to thank you for your report on the action of certain officers of the army and navy at the recent dinner of the Military Order of the Carabao.

"The officers who were responsible for the program of the evening are certainly deserving of a very serious reprimand which I hereby request be administered; and I cannot rid myself of a feeling of great disappointment that the general body of officers assembled at the dinner should have greeted the carrying out of such a program with apparent indifference to the fact that it violated some of the most dignified and sacred traditions of the service.

"I am told that the songs and other amusements of the evening were intended as 'fun.' What are we to think if fun to bring their official superiors into ridicule and the policies of the government, which they are sworn to serve with unquestioning loyalty into contempt? If this is their idea of fun what is their idea of duty? If they do not hold their loyalty above all silly effervescences of childish wit, what about their profession, do they hold sacred?

"My purpose therefore, in administering this reprimand is to recall the men who are responsible for this lowering of standards to their ideal; to remind them of the high conscience with which they ought to put duty above personal indulgence and to think of themselves as responsible men and trusted soldiers even while they are amusing themselves as diners-out.

"Sincerely yours,
"WOODROW WILSON."

HITS OFFICER IN FACE

Drunk Man Declines to Be Sent Home and Gets Into Court.

"Fined \$1 and costs." That was the judgment of Judge Crabb in the city court Monday morning, as imposed upon Albert Kresnewski, accused of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, the latter in that he struck the officer who arrested him at 11 o'clock Sunday night on Olive st. According to the officer he tried to get the drunken man to go home, but he refused.

On taking him to the box to ring for a patrol, and when turning the lever, he felt somebody's fist pressed viciously against his face, and then noticed his prisoner was gone. In making his escape, Kresnewski tripped on a wire and buried his face against a telephone pole, taking on some "remarkable" decorations that he brought with him into court. When arraigned he pleaded guilty.

DYING, CLEARS FRIEND.
NORWICH, N. Y., Dec. 22.—"I killed myself," wrote James L. Wightman, 22, who had been fatally wounded as the result of a hunting accident, in order that suspicion might not fall on his companion, William Blackman.

SANTA WILL FLY.
CORNHILL, N. J., Dec. 22.—Local business men have hired an aviator to distribute gifts to the city's children as he flies low over the streets.

SET BLOODHOUNDS AFTER MURDERER

Rich Farmer Slain and Daughter Attacked By Man Who Afterwards Sets Fire to the House.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A posse with bloodhounds is searching Montgomery county for a desperado who killed John Barrett, a wealthy farmer, after murdering his daughter, Helma Barrett, his daughter. The murderer set fire to the house to hide his crime.

Trained man-hunting dogs were taken to the scene of the crime, but owing to the fact that the murderer had 12 hours' start it was feared that he had managed to escape by boarding a New York Central freight train.

Miss Barrett was sitting before the fire reading a book, the other members of the family having retired, when the door suddenly opened and a man with an iron bar in his hand, burst into the room. Miss Barrett screamed but before she could move the man had struck her over the head rendering her unconscious. The girl's father, aroused by the scream, ran down stairs, but when he reached the bottom he fell dead with a bullet in his brain.

James Barrett, a son, was awakened by the shot, but he was too terrified to move until the slayer had fled. Then he crept down stairs and found the house aflame. After putting out the fire he released his sister, whom he found bound and gagged in a corner. When day broke he notified the sheriff of the crime.

That robbery was not the motive was shown by the fact that the murderer had not taken \$200 which was in the room.